

Appln. No. 10/655,863

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II. Remarks

By this paper, Applicants are canceling claims 21 and 22. Therefore, after entering this amendment, claims 1-20, and 23-24 remain currently pending.

Reconsideration and further examination of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is therefore respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of claims 1-20 and 23-24.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

The Examiner rejected claims 21-22 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(e) as being anticipated by *Hassinger* in view of *Briggs*.

Claims 21 and 22 have been cancelled. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw these rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present form of the claims are patentably distinguishable over the art of record and that this application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney for the Applicants via telephone number (734) 302-6000, if such communication would expedite this application.

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